

**THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR  
THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION**

BRIAN GARRETT, et al.,	)	
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Plaintiffs,	)	Case No. 2:18-cv-00692
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v.	)	Judge Michael H. Watson
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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY,	)	Chief Magistrate Judge Elizabeth P.
	)	Deavers
Defendant.	)	
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STEVE SNYDER-HILL, et al.,	)	
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Plaintiffs,	)	Case No. 2:18-cv-00736
	)	
v.	)	Judge Michael H. Watson
	)	
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY,	)	Chief Magistrate Judge Elizabeth P.
	)	Deavers
Defendant.	)	
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**MOTION FOR STATUS CONFERENCE**

Plaintiffs in the above-referenced cases of *Snyder-Hill, et al. v. The Ohio State University*, number 2:18-cv-00736, and *Garrett, et al. v. The Ohio State University*, number 2:18-cv-00692, hereby request that the Court schedule a telephonic status conference at the earliest practical time. The purpose of the requested conference is to discuss the timeline and procedure for release of the Perkins Coie investigative report in light of the pending motion regarding records from the State Medical Board of Ohio, the mediation scheduled for July 10-11, 2019, and the pre-mediation submissions due June 20, 2019.

1. Plaintiffs have long awaited the report from Perkins Coie, the firm retained by Ohio State University's special counsel (Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP) to investigate allegations of sexual misconduct against Dr. Richard Strauss.

2. In November 2018, Defendant announced that Perkins Coie's investigation was "nearing the end."<sup>1</sup> In early March 2019, OSU's President expected the investigation to end in "six to eight weeks," *i.e.*, by May 1, 2019.<sup>2</sup> As of today's date, it is unclear whether Perkins Coie has completed the report.
3. On May 1, 2019, OSU moved for an Order permitting the public release of portions of the Perkins Coie report, including "information retrieved from files obtained from the State Medical Board of Ohio." That motion is *sub judice*.
4. Plaintiffs do not know whether Perkins Coie has completed its report, whether OSU's attorneys at Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP and/or Carpenter Lipps and Leland have seen the report, or what the timeline and process will be for dissemination of the report to the public and the parties in the above-captioned actions.
5. Yesterday, Judge Michael Barrett scheduled a mediation for July 10-11, 2019 and requested *ex parte* pre-mediation submissions by June 20, 2019.
6. Given the upcoming mediation deadlines and the potential relevance of the report to the mediation process, Plaintiffs respectfully request a telephonic court conference to discuss the timeline and process for release of the Perkins Coie report.
7. Plaintiffs have conferred with Defendant. Defendant stated it does not join in the request but has not stated whether or not it opposes the request.

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<sup>1</sup> See <https://news.osu.edu/perkins-coie-team-updates-trustees-on-strauss-investigation/>

<sup>2</sup> See <https://www.thelantern.com/2019/03/drake-expects-strauss-investigation-to-conclude-in-six-to-eight-weeks/>.

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